

1 JUDGE ROBERT J. BRYAN
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT TACOMA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) NO. CR08-5890RJB
11 Plaintiff,)
12 vs.) ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
13 RICHARD JASON HARPEL,) CONTINUE TRIAL DATE AND
14 Defendant.) PRETRIAL MOTIONS DUE DATE
15 _____)

16 Based on the motion of the Defendant to continue the trial date, and the affidavit
17 of defense counsel in support of the motion, the Court makes the following findings of
18 fact and conclusions of law:

19 1. The ends of justice served by granting this continuance outweigh the best
20 interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A).
21 2. Proceeding to trial absent adequate time for the defense to prepare would
22 result in a miscarriage of justice. 18 U.S.C. §3161(h)(8)(B)(i).
23 3. The defense needs additional time to explore issues of some complexity,
24 including all relevant issues and defenses applicable to the case, which would make it
25 unreasonable to expect adequate preparation for pretrial proceedings or for trial itself
26 within the time limits established by the Speedy Trial Act and currently set for this case.
18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(B(ii)).

1 4. Taking into account the exercise of due diligence, a continuance is necessary
2 to allow the defendant the reasonable time for effective preparation his defense. 18
3 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(B)(iv).

4 || NOW, THEREFORE,

5 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the trial date is continued from February 23,
6 2009 to **March 23**, 2009, at 9:30 am. The resulting period of delay from February 23,
7 2009, to **March 23**, 2009, is hereby excluded for speedy trial purposes under 18 U.S.C.
8 § 3161(h)(8)(A) and (B).

9 Pre-trial motions are due no later than **March 6, 2009**.

10 Pre-trial conference shall be on **March 13, 2009**, at **8:30** am.

11 ||| DONE this 6th day of February, 2009.

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14 ROBERT J. BRYAN
United States District Judge

Presented By:

19 /s/ Colin Fieman
20 Colin Fieman
Attorney for Defendant